

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

of the

TOWN OF CANAAN,

For the year ending Feb. 28, 1867.

Money received for the year 1866.

Taxes assessed for the year 1866,	\$11,302 31
School house tax, District No 7,	260 45
Bank tax,	14 69
Railroad tax,	809 05
Literary Fund,	70 00
Interest on Literary Fund,	60 00
Cash of E. B. Miner, Liquor Agent,	262 98
Dexter Richardson for horse,	125 00
Dexter Richardson for Clifford,	20 00
Dexter Richardson money paid by Sanborn,	25 00
Total receipts,	12,949 48

EXPENDITURES FOR 1866.

Paid State Tax for 1866,	3450 00
County Tax, do.	1283 25
State Aid to Orville Goss,	32 00
do. do. to James H. French,	15 26
School house tax to District No. 7,	250 00
	5630 51

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Paid to the several School Districts as follows, namely, to—

No. 1,	149 81	No. 9,	66 10	No. 17,	87 75
2,	150 80	10,	79 30	18,	79 85
3,	58 70	11,	103 66	19,	68 00
4,	46 47	12,	79 30	20,	77 76
5,	86 20	13,	68 71	21,	64 42
6,	62 00	14,	104 00	Enfield,	10 00
7,	215 70	15,	56 50	Enfield,	8 40
8,	90 11	16,	57 87	Orange no. 1	1 05

1872 46 — — 6902 97

Services of Town Officers.

Eleazer Barney, First Selectman,	102 25
Wm. W. George, Second Selectman,	72 00
Isaac Davis, Third Selectman,	56 00
William A. Wallace, Town Clerk,	10 00
James H. Kelley, Town Treasurer,	16 00
William A. Wallace, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
John W. Adams, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
Dexter Richardson, Overseer of the Poor,	65 00
George W. Murray, Auditor	0 00
Isaac N. Blodgett, Auditor	3 00
Dexter Richardson, Collector of Taxes,	173 44
Edwin E. Miner Liquor Agent,	97 92
Total	645 61

Repairing Highways and Bridges.

John Stevens 11 47	David B. Kimball, 2 00	James Doton, 4 38	J. F. Clough
3 00 Wm. L. Harris, 7 68	Hiram Jones, 3 50	Rufus Atwill, 1 00	Moses S.
Choat, 4 00	Marshall Burpee, 11 00	L. F. Webster, 1 00	E. P. Hinkson 3 25
Aaron Aldrich, 6 68	Leonard Heath, 1 25	M. C. Abbott, 4 94	H. H. Wilson,
7 50	Horace Kenne, 2 00	John H. Lathrop, 2 00	H. C. Chase, 5 00
Stephen	Morse, 4 44	Pollard & Trumbull, 16 42	George Davis, 14 13
D. H. Campbell,	9 38	Wm. E. Hobart, 3 00	Caleb Jones, 4 00
Stephen Peaslee, 22 37	N. B.	Gates, 17 20	N. W. Saunders, 2 75
Charles Day, 6 84	Joseph Pollard, 10 00	N. M. Currier, 4 00	Daniel Goss, 4 00
Leander Jameson, 5 00	James Pattee,	5 68	Dustin & Somers, 7 56
Charles Barney, 4 17	George W. Hadley, 10 07	E. Barney, 37 00	Total, 269 66

Building New Roads and Bridges.

George W. Davis, land damage,	250 00	George W. Davis,	21 00
J. C. Lavy,	211 56	John M. Barber,	6 50
Hall & Flanders,	33 00	County Committee execution,	160 50
Pattee & Perley, land damage,	150 00	Albert Cochrane,	4 00
Isaac Davis,	4 53		
Charles Davis,	7 50	Total,	857 59

Breaking Roads.

Amos P. Richardson, 1 25	Rufus Atwill, 3 00	Job B. Jenness, 1 25	B. P.
Lary, 5 27	Hiram Jones, 9 00	J. W. Bean, 1 87	Samuel Merrill, 1 87
			Park-

hurst Kimball, 5 22 Joseph Pollard, 10 51 Stephen Morse, 2 17 Joseph C Lary
8 24 J J Follansbee, 10 00 Lewis N. Bradbury, 8 00—Total 67 65.

Building Wells' Bridge.

Pattee & Perley,	347 28	Joseph Fifield,	12 00
John Packard,	64 33	A. H. George,	75 48
O. H. Daniels,	23 00	Nathan Willis,	2 00
George F. Wells,	24 00		
Peter S. Wells,	19 37	Total,	567 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

James Doton, 2 00 Dexter Richardson, 8 50 John H. Swett, 1 00 John F.
Clough, 10 00 B. P. George, 10 75 Levi George, 1 75 Moses Marshall, 1 00
Job S. Davis, 6 00 George Pressey, 2 25 Estate of Byron W Shackford, 8 25
David Barnard, 20 00 Morrell & Silsbee, 12 69 E. C. Eastman, 11 22 John
T. Milton, 15 00 D P Prescott, 83 cents. George W. Dow, 1 00 Uriah F. Lary
two bills, 5 00 Philip M. Bullock, 4 50 E. Barney, 18 55 Jeremiah Whitney,
5 00 Wm A. Wallace, 18 14 McFarland & Jenks, printing Report last year,
64 00 Edson C. Eastman, 3 85 George Pressey, 5 19 George E Muzley, 5 50
Wm W. George, fees for serving two pauper notices on Hanover, in 1863, and one
in 1866, 19 50 Same attending Court in Derush case and summoning Dr Crosby,
12 83 M. W. Sawyer, board and room, 5 00.—Total, 279 36.

Abatement of Taxes.

M. M. Pillsbury over tax, 4 90 L. C. Pattee over tax, 18 00 Pattee & Per-
ley over tax on lumber, 18 97 Andrew J. Hadley over tax, 7 22 C. Packard over
tax, 92 cents. Albert Cochrane (1857), 2 84 Frank Barber over tax, 1 00
Everett W. Dow, absent, 4 32 Benjamin Burley, over 70, 4 32 Oliver Emerson,
4 32 Foster May, 9 72 Henry A. Cole, mistake, 4 32 John Loverin, 5 58
Frank W. Davis, 4 32 John B. Laporte, absent, 5 22 E. J. Hoyt, absent, 4 87
Estate Calvin Pressey 23 cents. Charles Brown, 3 87 G. & A. Doton, mistake,
6 09 Caleb S. Howard, pauper, 6 66 Horace A. Clark under age, 4 22 Moses
Perley taxed in Enfield, 4 32 Amelia Stevens over tax, 4 32 J. B. Plummer over
tax, 1 80 Hiram Philbrick 4 32 Peter Bushway, 4 32 Walker Pollard, absent,
4 32 Isaac Whitney, 25 cents. Henry Daniels by request, 5 76 David Towle,
5 18 Fred Fleury absent, 4 32 Thomas Bushway under age, 4 32 Charles E.
George, 4 32 Adelbert O. Williams, 4 32 Charles Taplin, 4 87 Guilford Un-
derhill, 6 90 H. J. Goss, 55 cents.

The following were abated to James Doton, Collector of Taxes for 1865:
James S. Colby, 1 78 C. D. Washburn, 8 56 B. W. Shackford, 1 31 David
Towle, 5 82 Daniel Clark, 8 63.—Total, 212 30.

Money paid Dexter Richardson, Overseer of the Poor for the support
of Paupers,

For support of Isaac Harris at Haverhill,
Ebenezer Clifford,

1837 78
117 22
20 00

RECAPITULATION.

Money received by the Selectmen for the year, 1866,

12 924 48

They discharge themselves as follows:

Paid State tax,	3,450 00	Paid Miscellaneous bills,	279 36
County tax,	1,283 25	Abatement of taxes,	212 30
Several school districts,	1,872 46	Support of poor,	1,837 78
State aid,	47 29	Isaac Harris,	117 22
Town officers,	645 61	Ebenezer Clifford,	20 00
Highways and bridges,	269 66	Sch'l house tax Dist No. 7,	250 00
New highways & bridges,	857 59	Total,	11,677 60
Wells' Bridge	567 46	Balance in favor of Town,	1246 88
Breaking roads,	67 65		

Availabilities paid for by the Selectmen for 1866, now on hand to be turned over to next Board, namely:

Due from Hanover for support of Paupers,	44 65
Due from the County,	728 21

Total balance in favor of the town,

\$2019 74

Whole amount of Receipts from all sources, for the Year ending February 28, 1867,

Whole amount brought forward		May 12. Irena Williams,	100
from page 1,	\$12,949 28	June 19 Ruth S. Currier,	100
From County, as reported last year,	912 33	20 Charles F. Kilton,	1,000
State Aid as reported last year,	332 48	July 9 Orinda Hayward,	150
From Selectmen of 1864,	837 28	19 Angie Hadley,	150
From Hanover,	850 05	20 Volana Eastman,	1,000
From United States Bounties,	780	Sept 20 Emily D. Talbot,	100
From J. Trusseil, Liquor Ag't for 1865,	39 50	Nov 2 Lovell K. Currier,	225
Money received on new notes for the year 1866.		9 Joseph Fogg,	500
Mar. 12. John W. Bean,	500	16 Betsey M. Lowell,	50
20. Gordon Burley,	350	28 Gordon Burley,	300
Apr 2. Abby Davis,	1,300	Gordon Burley,	100
5. R. Hutchinson,	816 43	Gordon Burley,	300
24. E. Shackford,	100	Dec 28 Augustus Shepard,	130
		1867.	
		Jan 28 M. A. Kelley,	1,000
		Feb 21 James Colcord,	450
		Total,	24,422 55

Money paid out on old notes and orders, 1866.

Mar 12 H. S. Currier, Treasurer,		June 1 Dorcas Pattee,	112 53
per receipt,	500	5 Harlow S. Nash,	270
27 E. C. Davis, two notes,	229	16 E. W. Edwards,	105 25
Apr 5 R. Hutchinson notes,	916 35	28 H. S. Nash,	705 81
5 H. C. George,	267 22	29 Sally Smith,	50
18 H. S. Currier Treasurer		July 23 M. H. Hanchett,	94 68
per receipt,	1,000	Aug 14 Marcia A. Hadley,	84 92
18 Alvin Davis,	131 33	" Reuben Dearborn,	235 84
May 20 Dorcas Pattee per receipt, 19		20 Augustus Shepard,	225

Aug 29	G. W. Murray	50	Oct 25	Caleb Blodgett	99 80
Sept 3	G. W. Murray	25	Sept 1	James H. Kelley	130 50
Sept 5	Aaron Aldrich	53 65	Aug 30	Mary W. Hutchinson's	
6	Oliver S. Martin	61 80	receipt		168 79
24	Clara S. Morrill	53 52	W. P. Weeks		570
Oct 16	Geo. W. Hadley	354 21	Horace Chase		46
Nov 7	G. W. Murray receipt	60	William P. Weeks		138 64
16	Henry C. George	400	Harriet Harris		75 74
Dec 11	Sophonra A. Clark	31 50	Total,		19,143 31
22	John H. Swett	46 82	Leaving in hands of Treasurer,		\$5,279 24
Jan 1	R. Dearborn	152 81			

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Old indebtedness, less amount reported in Treasurer's hands last year,	\$54,327 67
Interest on same,	3259 66
Total,	\$57,587 33

AVAILABILITIES.

In hands of Treasurer,	5,279 24
Am. Treasury paid by Barney, Murray and Clark,	1,267 52
Liquors and Fixtures in Agent's hands,	281 00
In hands of Collector for 1861,	380 39
Due from Hanover,	44 65
Due from County,	728 21
Due from United States—bounties to Volunteers,	4,520 00
Property on the Poor Farm,	770 26
Pest House,	163 06
Total,	13,434 33

Total indebtedness, \$44,153 00

Increase of indebtedness, \$727 01

ELEAZER BARNEY, } Selectmen
WM. W. GEORGE, } of
ISAAC DAVIS, } Canaan.

The undersigned has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and finds them properly vouched and believes them to be correctly cast.

ISAAC N. BLODGETT, Auditor.

ERRATUM—Page second, 7th line from bottom, instead of "County Committee", read County Commissioners.

Account of the Overseer of the Poor.

The Overseer of the Poor charges himself as follows, namely :

Money received from the County on bills reported by Jas Doton, last year,	705 00
Money received from the County on bills paid by Dexter Richardson,	207 53
Money received of Charles Day for Hay,	22 00
do do for Calves,	15 25
do do for Straw,	4 69
do do for Butter and Bacon,	36 11
do do for labor of Clark,	22 00
do do for Pasturing,	11 40
do do Board of School Teacher,	4 00
do do for one Horse,	125 00
Property on Poor Farm as appraised last year, by James Doton, Overseer of Poor, 1103 52—over appraisal, 333 26,	770 26
Money received of Selectmen,	578 81
Total	2502 05
Money received of Selectmen to pay James Doton's bills, not reported last year,	105 99
Total amount received during the year,	\$2608 04

Expenditures of the Overseer of the Poor.

Expenses of Town Poor not on Farm.

A. H. George for Mellard Sanborn,	2 37	B N Pollard for Sarah Pollard,	52 00
do do for Mary A. Low,	5 25	Isaac Whitney for Susan Sanborn,	12 00
do do for H. Daniels' Child	2 00	David Woodman for Aldrich Child,	23 00
J. H Kelley for Mellard Sanborn,	3 50	Town of Plainfield J W Kimball,	19 65
J Q Perley for H Daniels' family,	2 50	Dr. A Morgan, Daniels' family,	12 00
M H Milton for Sally Colby,	1 50	J H Kelley for Sally Colby,	4 05
Dr. A Wheat for Susan Sanborn,	19 50	Total,	\$ 305 32
do do for Mary A. Low,	1 00		
Dr. J W Pray for Aldrich Child,	7 50	Old Bill contractd by James Doten, and not reported last year.	
Alfred Smith for do do	16 00		
Isaac Whitney for Susan Sanborn,	1 50		
H Morey for Mary Richardson,	120 00	N. H. Asylum, Mary Richardson,	25 72

Expense of Town and County Poor on Farm.

A H George for Willie Allard,	3 62	M H Milton for Widow Dow,	1 40
do do for Bill Goods	47 41	do do Bill Goods,	96 39
J H Kelley for do do	19 84	do do Old Bill,	12 37
M H Milton for Birney Child,	1 20	Dexter Richrdson, Willie Allard,	1 50
Dr. Ara Wheat for Daniel York,	4 33	D H Butman for Bell Richardson's Child,	1 00
do do Widow Dow,	9 50	Joseph Hebert for Blacksmithing,	9 94
do do Birney Child,	75	Darius Barnard for S Jenness,	4 08
do do Bell Richardson,	20 25		

E Barney & Son for bill goods,	5 10	D Richardson for shoat,	20 00
Jacob S Clark for money paid out,	3 08	do do sheep,	75 00
do do one bag meal,	2 00	W W George for arresting and	
do do use of farm & services,	300 00	board of Sanborn,	4 00
W W George for one shoat,	19 00		
Alvah Stevens for oats,	6 50	Total,	\$ 684 88
Josiah Lincoln for Steer,	16 62		

EXPENSE of COUNTY POOR NOT ON FARM.

A H George for Peter Abbott	3 43	Isaac Pollard for Frank Decater	1 50
do do James Trowbridge,	5 50	D Richardson for A J Abbott	2 94
do do Miner Fogg	3 00	Caleb Jones for George Dunham	1 00
do do A J Abbott	4 55	D Richardson do do	6 00
do do Hiram Philbrick,	16 47	C D Washburn for George Keaton	3 75
do do E Waterman	36 30	Nathan Jones do do	3 00
James H Kelley for A J Abbott	5 00	James H Kelley for Joseph Cota	10 00
X J Q Perley for Waterman, 2 bills,	28 00	do do George Dunham	6 00
do do A F Kimball,	4 00	Wm A Wallace for Henry Clay	5 00
M H Milton for Myrte Colombe,	5 00	Dr N P Taplin for Mrs Davis	1 50
do do Joseph Cota	3 95	do do Flanders family	4 50
do do J Wood	2 50	George Whittier for A J Abbott	12 00
Joseph Dustin for Myrte Colombe	22 00	Dr Thorp for John Wood	4 19
Dr Ara Wheat for Henry Chatetro	83	Lewis Defosses for Noah Tarde	6 00
do do Peter Abbott	11 25	Moses E Currier for A J Abbott	16 67
do do Myrte Colombe	9 75	Ezekiel Fifield for Joseph Cota	3 00
do do A J Abbott	15 33	E H McIntire for Charles Porter	2 25
do do Joseph Cota	9 23	John Wilson for Betsey Smith	58 22
do do Frank Brennan	5 50	Jesse Martin for Peter Bushway	6 67
do do Frank Decater	6 86	do do Myrte Colombe	6 59
do do George Keaton	10 00	Dustin & Somers for Abner Flan-	
do do Myrte Colombe	27 75	ders' Family	19 11
do do Frank Decater	3 50	Dr Morgan for E Waterman	6 00
Placid Adams for Henry Chatetro	3 50	E Barney & Son for John Wood	2 87
Dr Thorp for A J Abbott	3 00	do do A J Abbott	58 85
H B Whitney for Frank Brennan,	5 00	do do Anna Fox	8 78
James H Kelley do do	4 00	do do A J Abbott	10 48
Dexter Richardson do do	5 00	Willard Dunham for Anna Fox	15 21
N R Road tickets for F B's family	71 80	Dr N P Taplin for John Wood	9 30
George Harris for Frank Decater	75	do do Mrs Fox	3 38
Susan Sanborn do do	7 50	Rosette Mitchell for Peter Abbott	8 00
J H Kelley for F Decater, 2 bills,	7 00	E Barney & Son for Abnr Flanders	2 35
M H Milton for Frank Decater	8 65	Alvin Davis for John Wood	13 30
Dexter Richardson—for board of			
transient paupers	3 00		\$680 31

Old Bills contracted by James Doton, and not reported last year:

James S Colby for F Brennan	38 24	Darius Barnard for A J Abbott	2 24
Charles Day for Esther Hebert	18 00		
X James Furber for Jas Trowbridge	12 00		\$75 48
Darius Barnard for A Flanders	5 00		

Expense of Hanover Paupers.

A H George, D Bradbury's child	1 75	E Barney & Son, Bradbury child	1 00
J B Clark for D Bradbury's child		J H Kelley do	83
4 bills,	17 25	John B Clark do	11 75
Elvira Howard for Mrs. Howard,	15 00	J H Kelley do	1 40
Clark Clough for A Bradbury child,	6 75	E Barney & Son do	2 40
Dr. A Morgan for Stephen Hadley,	1 50	A H George do	25
E Barney & Son D Bradbury's child,	1 40	Total,	\$61 28

Old Bill contracted by James Doton, and not reported last year:

John B Clark for D Bradbury's child,	4 97
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RECAPITULATION.

Money received by the Overseer of the Poor for the year 1866,	\$2,608 04
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The Overseer discharges himself, as follows:

Expenses of the Town Poor not on Farm for the year ending Febru-	
ary 28 1867,	305 32
Expense of County Poor not on Farm,	680 31
do of Town and County Poor on Farm,	684 88
do of Hanover Paupers,	61 28
Property now on hand on Poor Farm,	770 26
	2,502 05

Bills contracted by James Doten, Overseer of the Poor for 1865,	
and paid by Dexter Richardson, Overseer of the Poor for 1866,	105 99

\$2,608 04

DEXTER RICHARDSON, Overseer of the Poor.

Canaan, February 28, 1867.

LIQUOR AGENT'S ACCOUNT.

Amount Liquors on hand Feb. 22, 1866,	\$174 52
Am't liquors bo't, including \$204 08 left in hands of Agent Feb 22, 1866,	
to replace stock of Liquors,	1758 62
Paid United States License,	25 00
Services as Agent one year,	97 92
Profits to the Town,	173 93
	\$2229 99

Liquors and Fixtures on hand Feb. 22, 1867,	281 00
Amount of Liquors sold,	1948 99

	\$2229 99
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REPORT

of the

Superintending School Committee,

of the

TOWN OF CANAAN.

District No. 1.

Benjamin P. George, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Samanthe R. Kenne, a young lady who, in other districts, was, for several terms, a successful teacher; but she did not succeed well in this district. The reason is not obvious to the Committee. She strove earnestly to do her duty. Her partial failure may, perhaps, in a degree, be attributed to the fact that many of the parents expressed an indifference as to whether their children attended school or staid away,—the result of which indifference was, that the school dwindled, from twenty-three pupils at the opening, down to eight at the close. The lack of interest felt in the success of this school is well illustrated by the fact that, except the Superintending Committee, but one person visited the school during its ten weeks' session.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Hadley. During this term there was harmony of action, and an era of good feeling prevailed throughout the District. Parents and scholars all manifested a strong interest in the school, and it has been a success. The teacher has qualifications of a high order, and an aptness to teach not excelled. Her administration was mild and forcible. Good order prevailed, and emulation gave a strong impetus to learning. It is not too much to say that the class in National Arithmetic stated their examples with more promptness and clearness than any other class in town. The exercises in the Sixth Reader were of a high order of merit. The Spelling was hardly fair, but much improvement was perceptible. Master Henry Barber won the prize for general good conduct.

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District, No. 2.

Charles Day, Prudential Committee.

Teacher of the Summer Term, Miss M. Lizzie Morse, of Bradford—a young lady who made many friends among the people where she has taught. She entered upon her duties with earnest enthusiasm, and seemed to inspire her pupils with desire to learn. The school numbered forty-four scholars. This fact, taken in connection with another, namely—that the studies ranged through many branches, from A B C to National Arithmetic, Algebra, etc.,—made it evident to the Committee that the teacher possessed great aptness and quickness for imparting knowledge, to get through with her daily duties within her appointed time. The interest manifested in the closing exercises of the term showed that her exertions were appreciated by the parents. The only blemish noticed—good order did not always prevail.

Miss Lizzie A. Tyler taught the Winter Term—a heavy burden for any one person, more especially for a young lady. Miss Tyler's qualifications are good—she imparts knowledge with great facility, and is devotedly attached to teaching. All her efforts and energies were given to the improvement of her pupils,—in a measure she was successful. She would have been more so, had her efforts been seconded by the larger pupils. Few persons, especially young ladies, possess that rare faculty, which we call forcible suavity, and which compels order in a school like this, registering over sixty scholars. To discharge the duties of a faithful, earnest teacher, where every moment should be given to recitations, and at the same time perform police duty, is a heavy burden. The school is too large for one teacher to manage. It is scarcely possible that an entirely favorable report can ever be made of it as at present organized. We would suggest that it might, generally, be better to employ a master for the winter term.

The interest in the exercises of the school have been increased by the holding of several union Spelling Schools, in connection with District No. 1, which were well attended and a very healthy emulation excited. Through these Schools the Spelling in both districts has much improved. The best spellers are—in No. 1, Miss Estella George; in No. 2, Master Arden Jones.

Master Edward Lincoln won the prize for general good conduct.

District No. 3,---Levi B. Farr, Prudential Committee.

This School was under the care of Miss Mary E. Robinson,—a good teacher, who devoted herself to the improvement of her pupils. They made fair progress.

—The school-house is a very poor one. No lock upon the door; the floor chopped with axes and the desks with knives; ventilation bad, and a stove hardly fit for use any where. It is not a comfortable school-house.

District No. 4,---Henry G. Elliott, Prudential Committee.

One term, only, is taught in this District. Miss Lovey Temple was employed as teacher. It was her first attempt at teaching. She was not successful, partly, by rea-

son of lack of confidence in herself; but, chiefly, by reason of predisposition on the part of some persons, both scholars and otherwise, that she should not succeed.

—The school-house is not a good one. It needs repairs and ventilation to render it comfortable.

District No. 5, --- Alonzo Lary, Prudential Committee.

This district had one long term of school instead of two short ones; it was taught by Miss Frances S. Beede. I should judge the discipline of the school to be faultless. The little boys exhibited a decorum that some men in the halls of Congress would do well to imitate,

Most of the younger ones are French, but they have made good progress in reading English. The oldest scholar deserves commendation for an almost perfect examination.

District No. 6, --- John Wilson, Prudential Committee.

Miss Clemmie E. Averill, who taught the summer term, passed a fair examination. If she had exercised a little more patience she would have ruled better. The school was backward at the commencement, and evidently made but little progress—and what was worse the teacher found it difficult to draw out what they had learned. Miss Averill is qualified which would insure greater success in some other calling.

The fall term was taught by Miss Elsie A. Aldrich. The order was excellent, and the committee was happily disappointed in the rapid progress made by the scholars in all their studies. The district should do one of three things, viz: Be annexed to adjoining districts—build a new school-house, or at least repair the door of the room now occupied, so that it shall be proof against the invasion of barn-yard fowls, whose frantic search for more light imperils the windows, taxes the muscular power of the teacher and sets the committee to musing upon the variety of episode with which the world is filled.

District No. 7, - Large School - Leonard Davis, Prudential Committee.

This school is divided into two parts, occupying separate rooms. Both terms of the Large School were taught by Miss Eliza A. Howe, an experienced teacher. Her examination showed great familiarity with the District School Text Books.

The Summer Term was quite successful. Most of the scholars made rapid improvement. The order was fair.

The Winter Term did not quite come up to our expectations. The teacher evidently labored hard to make it a good school; but with a large number of older scholars some were hardly prepared to yield to her mild and persuasive rule. It is very difficult for "Young America" to resist the impression that "might makes right." I am sorry to say that notwithstanding the tireless efforts and inexhaustible patience of the teacher, the conduct of some of her pupils was a source of painful anxiety, and sometimes of unfeigned grief to her. I learn with much regret that this want of re-

and for the feelings of their friends and superiors, was not limited to the teacher, but extended to the School Commissioner and others, much to the detriment of the reputation of our community. In justice to all parties however, I will add, that the behavior during my last visit to the school was very fair. Most of the pupils learned well. Some of them never learned so much in a term before. If the scholars had copied the manners, imbibed the spirit and reciprocated the efforts of the teacher, it might have been the most interesting school in town. I hope it may yet have that enviable reputation.

No. 7. -- Small School. The Summer Term of the small school was commenced by Miss Augusta Stevens, with promise of great success. But unfortunately in a few weeks her health failed, and she found it impossible to continue.

Miss Josie S. Chase was induced to finish the term, which she did to the satisfaction of the Committee and the profit of the school. Miss Chase has the faculty of ruling well; and securing the general esteem of her pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Sarah P. Howe, whose previous reputation and good examination gave promise of more than usual success. Miss Howe loves her work, is apt to teach, and deserves much commendation. In many respects she succeeded well. Her manner of conducting recitations was calculated to confuse, and make it difficult to ascertain how much the scholars had learned. It is certain, however, that all learned and that some learned well. The Geography classes were hardly equal to those in the other branches.

The pupils in this school were not too old to be governed by a lady teacher, but I am compelled to say that, in this respect, there was a much greater failure than in the Large School. I hardly know which to blame most, the parents, the teacher, or the scholars. Parents who fail to govern at home, and never visit the school are to blame. Teachers who give no heed to the suggestions of the Committee are not quite clear. And children who construe kindness into an invitation to license and rudeness, do a great wrong to their teacher, and confirm themselves in a habit which will involve themselves and others in much difficulty hereafter. In some schools Miss Howe would succeed admirably. She is too good a teacher to be disheartened by this single failure to preserve order in a large school of small children. She made many friends in the district, who hope that, under favorable circumstances, she may succeed more to her own satisfaction. The district is under lasting obligation to both the Misses Howe for their efforts in purchasing, by subscription, a full set of Cornell's Outline Maps. These came too late to be of much service this winter, but will be a blessing to the scholars, and a reminder of these ladies for years to come.

District No. 8.—Isaac Davis, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Elsie A. Aldrich. This is an easy school to govern, and the teacher had but little difficulty in this regard. In the Summer the scholars made rapid advancement, but did not seem to understand what they passed over quite as thoroughly as some schools.

The Winter Term showed that the aim of the teacher had been to do less than formerly, and to do it better. The class in Common School Arithmetic did itself great credit. The poorest class was in Intellectual Arithmetic. Miss A. gave almost universal satisfaction, and her school was fully equal to the average in this part of the town.

District No. 9, — James Tyler, Prudential Committee.

Miss M. Eva Pressey taught the Summer Term. The school was small, orderly, studious and profitable.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Edmunds, who seems to possess all the qualities of a first rate teacher. She would do well to make teaching a profession. The scholar must have an unusual degree of presumption to expect successfully to resist her authority. Miss Edmunds' theory is: "Understand as you go."

I don't think her pupils will forget what they have learned this winter. Though one of the smallest, this is one of the best schools in town.

District No. 10, — Warren F. Wilson, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lucy A. Leavitt was the instructor both terms. On my first visitation of the Summer Term I made the following notes: "Geography, good—other studies fair—order poor." On my last visit I wrote: "Order good—progress good—review excellent—Arithmetic, mental and written, extra—formula well stated and reasons for things clearly given." I am convinced that the disorder observed at the first, was a freak of two or three roguish boys, such as will sometimes occur in the best of schools; and that it was by no means a fair sample of the general behavior during the term. I recommended the retention of Miss Leavitt for the second term, during which she was very acceptable to the district and profitable to the scholars.

The government was unexceptionable, the advancement rapid and thorough. The class in the Third Reader deserves especial commendation. This school stands No. 1 for its improvement in writing. I am confident that any district would be fortunate in securing the services of this teacher.

District No. 11. Daniel Campbell, Prudential Committee.

There have been three terms of school in this district. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Loraine Wilson, whose name has become a synonym for success.

Perhaps a little more attention to system might still further improve her schools. The government and recitations showed that the funds of the district had been well expended. If I were to criticize, I should say that there are some very poor readers in the school, and that there is too little attention paid to the statement of the formulas in Intellectual Arithmetic.

The Fall Term had Miss Lizzie R. Morgan for its teacher. Miss M. was successful as usual. She has a rare combination of such elements as are demanded in the professional teacher; and she will be sure to improve with experience. The committee and the district all say: "Well done good and faithful servant."

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Lizzie B. Norris. The school started off with much promise, and would have been very profitable if the teacher's health had not failed, as it did in the beginning of the fifth week. In the enforcement of discipline Miss Norris deserves a fuller co-operation, and a more hearty sympathy than was accorded her.

District No. 12, ---Parkhurst Kimball, Prudential Committee.

Miss Carrie M. George taught the Summer Term of eight weeks. Some complaint was made that the pupils were not orderly at all times—the closing examination, however, showed very marked improvement in the studies.

Miss Sarah J. Harris taught the Winter Term of eight weeks, a teacher every way qualified for the school-room. Possessed of strong persuasive powers, and fully mistress of the situation, she made the school a very good one.

District No. 13, ---Stephen S. Morse, Prudential Committee.

But one term is held in this district. Miss Josie S. Chase, a very competent teacher, kept the school several weeks, and then, on account of illness, gave place to Miss Mary A. Baldwin, of Grafton, a young lady whose acquirements and faculties make her a desirable teacher in any school. This school is small, but the pupils are orderly and studious, and prompt in their attention to the requirements of the school room. In our judgement it is one of the pleasantest and best ordered schools in town.

District No. 14, ---Lewis Follansbee, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Lizzie R. Morgan, one of the best and most successful teachers in town. It was a good school, well governed, and fair progress made in the studies.

The Winter Term, under Miss Georgie Harris, showed continued progress among all the pupils. The District was fortunate in securing the services of two very excellent teachers during the season. The winter term is still in session.

District No. 15, ---John Stevens, Prudential Committee.

But one term of twelve weeks was held in this. District, taught by Miss Sarah J. Harris. The fact that she has been employed in this school for several terms, is a sufficient recommendation of her acceptability.

District No. 16, ---Frederic R. Pollard, Prudential Committee.

Both terms of school were taught by Miss Maria Temple, who with much patient kindness, gave herself to the work of improving her charge. She succeeded, not only in this, but in securing the good will of all the parents.

District No. 17, ---E. L. Hadley, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were under the instruction of Miss Julia A. Flanders, who passed an excellent examination. Good harmony prevailed during the Summer Term, and the final examination was as interesting as the decorations of the school-room were beautiful.

The Summer Term was marred only by the rudeness of a very few scholars. But this difficulty was overcome, and the final examination was more than a success—it was a luxury. Miss Flanders' schools will be appreciated in proportion as they are visited by the parents. The children in this school need to pay a little more attention to reading. Another term began February 11th by Samantha R. Kennie.

District No. 18, ---William G. Somers, Prudential Committee.

The Summer School was taught by Miss Clara A. Barnard. This was her first attempt, and she more than met the expectations of her friends. She secured the obedience and respect of her pupils. Good advancement was made, for which teacher and scholars deserve much credit.

The Winter School was taught by J. W. Fales, who tried hard to do well, and he succeeded. If Mr. Fales employed more familiar illustrations in his explanations, he would succeed still better. This school is backward in at Grammar.

District No. 19. -- J. Dean, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lizzie A. Tyler taught the first term. The school was a model of order, system and success. Miss T. ranks high as a teacher. Her school stood the test of a critical examination better than any other in that part of the town.

The second term was taught by Miss Loraine Wilson, who fully sustained her excellent reputation as a teacher. This school has been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of teachers. It is one of our best schools. The winter term was broken up for a while by sickness, but the final examination showed that the pupils had mastered every inch of the ground they had gone over.

District No. 20. -- James Baker, Prudential Committee.

But one school term was held, under charge of Miss Julia A. Flanders, an excellent teacher, possessed of good qualifications; being quiet and unobtrusive, but heartily devoted to teaching. Her school made good advancement.

District No. 21. -- Orville Goss, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Satira S. Jones. The school under her charge was as near a model as circumstances would allow. Good order and quiet attention to the duties of the school-room, resulted to the mutual benefit of teacher and scholars.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Carrie Blaisdell, her first attempt as a teacher. Careful and courteous in her intercourse with her pupils, she soon won their esteem. Good order and good recitations followed. Miss Blaisdell will make a successful teacher, because she enters heartily and earnestly into her work.

CHANGE OF TEXT BOOKS. The Superintending Committee found, on entering upon their duties, so many different Text Books in use, that, it seemed to them, the interest in the exercises of the schools must thereby be materially affected, by needlessly multiplying classes, and thus neutralizing the best efforts of teachers. It was, therefore, after mature deliberation, decided to reduce some of the branches to a single series of books. The Committee believe this step to have been a wise one. -- Wherever it has been carried out, as it has in several of the large schools, the result of the classification which followed shows a marked advance among the pupils. Emulation and strife for the first place in the class or school must naturally arise among pupils of nearly equal attainments, pursuing the same branches of study.

The Committee have been much annoyed by the neglect of teachers to promptly return the Registers committed to them. This neglect might be remedied if Prudential Committees would comply with the law of 1861, which is as follows:

"SEC. 1. The several teachers of public schools shall faithfully keep the Register furnished them, and make due return thereof to the Superintending School Committee of the town.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Superintending School Committee, to give to every teacher who has complied with the provisions of Sec. 1, of this act, a certificate that the Register has been properly filled up and returned, and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for such services until such certificate is produced to the Prudential Committee of the District."--Chap. 2508.

This law has not been complied with in a single instance this year. As a partial remedy for this annoying evil we would suggest to the Town Treasurer that it is lawful for him to withhold the money due to any and every school district until the proper certificate is presented by the Prudential Committee.

In conclusion, the Committee are satisfied that, as a whole the schools have made a fair advance during the past year. Greater improvement might be reported were it possible to retain teachers longer in the same districts.

The school-houses remain as they were, except in No. 7, where improvements and repairs to the amount of \$260 were made. Several dampers have been attached to stoves, and, to that extent the inmates of the school-rooms have been comforted.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, } Superintending
JOHN W. ADAMS, } School Committee.

CANAAN, March 1. 1867.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	No. Wks.		Wages per month.		No. Schl'rs.		Average Attendance		Cases Tardiness.		Visits.	
	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S.	W.
1	10	11	22,00	25,00	22	33	13 3-5	22 4-5	91	118	3	44
2	9	10	26,00	28,00	45	56	34 9-16	44 9-50	228	264	47	42
3	14		18,00		10		4				2	
4	10h		15,00		11		6 16-58		10		10	
5		19		14,00		21		17 1-8		32		7
6	6	8	13,00	18,00	7	8	6 20-33	7 23-44	5	23	10	10
7	7	8	23,00	27,00	36	41	30 3-5	32 62-89	222	164	37	42
7	7	8	19,00	23,00	37	45	30 1-15	40	226	143	13	9
8	10	13	13,00	20,00	12	19	10 5-6	12 42-71	53	59	5	11
9	8	8	16,00	14,75	6	7	5 31-42	6 5-86	2	62	9	8
10	10	15	18,00	19,00	13	13	10 24-55	11	3		2	18
11	8	7	18,00	15,00	27	31	23 43-44	25 34-77	5	71	18	10
12	8	8	9,00	18,00	15	18	14 1-2	15 85-88	8	15	14	37
13		14				10		6				2
14	12	16	20,00		12	19	9 5-66	16	49	60	14	
15	12		16,00		8		6				44	
16	10	6h	13,00	21,00	6	5	4 21-55	4 1-7	1	12	3	9
17	9	6h	20,00	22,00	18	16	14 1-5	12	3	4	14	14
18	8		13,00		7		6 18-43		1		9	
19	6	17	19,00	20,94	15	12	13 2-3	9 32-85	59	14	12	8
20		13		16,00		10		8			13	
21	8	14	18,00	18,00	16	16	11 1-2	10 1-2	8	43	14	14